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Response to Restriction Requirement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2004, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The one-month period for response expires on November 18, 2004. However, in light of a Request for a one-month extension of time and fee therefore enclosed herewith, this response is timely filed.

Claims 1-45 were presented at the time of filing and are currently pending in the application. The Action of October 18, 2004 requires election under 35 U.S.C. §121 between three groups of claims:

Group 1 (claims 1-14, and 31-45) are drawn to a method of screen for assessing the potential of a compound to treat a pathological condition, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1;

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Group 2 (claims 23-27, and 15-22) are drawn to an isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes for a mammalian Nav protein, and a host cell, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1; and

Group 3-97 (claims 28, 29 and 30) are drawn to functional sodium channel proteins, classified in class 530, subclass 300.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group 1 (claims 1-14 and 31-45). The election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in one or more additional applications.

Should any questions arise in connection with this Application, Applicant's Attorney can be reached at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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